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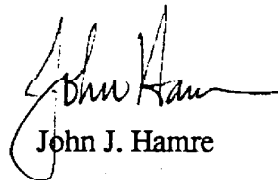
MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (FINANCIAL
MANAGEMENT AND COMPTROLLER)

SUBJECT: Reduction in Detail Information Included in Budget Exhibit 43

I have reviewed, and approve, your request to exclude, from Exhibit 43 reports, International Merchant Purchase Authorization Card (IMPAC) micropurchases under the \$2,500 threshold. Current IMPAC policies do not require you to capture and report, in the official accounting records, detailed information on each transaction. Therefore, it would not appear feasible to require you to report such amounts in the Exhibit 43.

Unfortunately, I cannot honor your request to exclude report information on automation specific obligations between \$2,500 and \$100,000. Based on informal discussions between the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense (CIO DoD) and the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OMB would not support this exclusion.

The current information technology reporting requirements were developed in response to congressional interest. The passage of the Information Technology Management Reform Act provides an opportunity to propose more useful reporting requirements. Ms. Betty Golis is available to work with your staff to facilitate discussions of specific recommendations with OMB and congressional staff. She can be reached at (703) 693-8343.


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